

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 January 1965 04/0930Z	2. LOCATION Morton, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (MRS) ✓ JJA
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object high in SE sky observed for at least 1/2 hour. Object moved about in sky to a maximum of 5 degrees without regularity. Changed in brilliance and color at least 3 times. Increased in size every second or two.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	COMMENTS: Sighting descriptive of Star/Planted observation. Planet MARS was at the approximate position of the reported object. MARS was high in the sky in the SE at 0330 AM Local time. Having risen at 2330. Stellar magnitude on 4 Jan was 40.4.
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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MORTON, ILLINOIS

FTD (TDSW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
15 January 1965

Mrs [REDACTED]
Morton, Illinois 61550

Dear Mrs [REDACTED],

Your recent report to the United States Air Force of an observation of January 4th, of this year, is similar to many reports received by this office of the planet Mars.

On 4 January 1965, at 0330 am, Mars was high in the sky to the southeast. This planet appears low on the horizon in the East at approximately 1130 pm and climbs slowly at a rate of 15 degrees per hour. The variation in color, size and apparent motion can be attributed to atmospheric conditions. The planet Mars will be in the approximate location of your observation throughout the remainder of January and February. The stellar magnitude on the 4th of January 1965 was +0.4. This planet will continue to increase in brilliance throughout January and February.

The Air Force wishes to thank you for your interest in unidentified flying objects and your comprehensive report.

Sincerely,

HECTOR GUINTEANILLA, Jr
Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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Morton, Ill. 61550



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